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## Tattoo Client Disclosure Form

No person shall tattoo a person less than eighteen years of age, knowing or having reason to believe such person is less than eighteen years of age except (i) in the presence of the person's parent or guardian, or (ii) when done by or under the supervision of a medical doctor, registered nurse or other medical services personnel licensed pursuant to Title 54.1 in the performance of their duties.

In addition, no person shall tattoo any client unless he complies with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines for "Universal Blood and Body Fluid Precautions" and provides the client with the following disclosure:

1. Tattooing is an invasive procedure in which the skin is penetrated by a foreign object.
2. If proper sterilization and antiseptic procedures are not followed by tattoo artists there is a risk of transmission of blood borne pathogens and other infections, including, but not limited to, human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV), and hepatitis B or C viruses.
3. Tattooing may cause allergic reactions in persons sensitive to dyes or the metals used in ornamentation.
4. Tattooing may involve discomfort or pain for which appropriate anesthesia cannot be legally made available by the person performing the tattoo unless such person holds the appropriate license from a Virginia health regulatory board.

**Listed below are some possible risks and dangers associated with the application of a tattoo:**

1. The possibility of discomfort or pain;
2. The risk of infection; and
3. The possibility of allergic reaction to the pigments or other materials used.
4. The permanence of the markings;
5. Risks associated with tattoo removal;

**NOTE: The Commonwealth of Virginia makes no endorsement of the safety of the practice of tattooing.**

### CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that

1. I have read the information shown above and;
2. I have been verbally informed by the practitioner providing the service of the risks and dangers associated with receiving a tattoo.
3. I've been given the opportunity to have a third party present while receiving tattooing services.

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Signature of Client

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Date

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If required - Signature of Legal Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Licensed Practitioner

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Date